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Ellen Wheatley, Acting Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
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Dear Director Wheatley:

This letter describes how Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

We will use these funds to increase our ability to extend our current off campus services to our youth and providers for families who need additional childcare due to the schools being closed and or part time and the need to continue employment.

The majority of our services are on site and we will use these funds to continue to bring our youth following Covid 19 safe protocols to our programs. This means that we have smaller groups, need to create more individual spaces and need more staff to provide these services. Vehicles and learning areas need to be disinfected and maintained more often and food preparation and meals implemented in a way to keep everyone safe.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

We will use this funding to continue and enhance our safety practices so that our programs can continue. PPE including masks, thermometers and hand sanitizer, outdoor and indoor handwashing stations, creating extra learning spaces, cleaning supplies, staff hours to maintain and disinfect areas and vehicles regularly, outdoor teaching supplies to keep youth safely spaced with fresh air are just some of the ways we will use this funding to continue and begin extending our youth onsite programs.



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3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

If needed, these funds will be used to assist providers in maintaining an environment that is safe for providing continued childcare in their home or facility.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

This funding will be useful for our ability to help the unconventional day care need for families who are struggling with finding care so they can continue working outside of their home to retain employment. We will put out this resource on our youth programs Tribal FB page and case management FB page. We have also started a Raising Children Together group and have an upcoming 'retreat' so we can provide this resource at these events. We can also put the resource in our Tribal Newsletter that goes to all Tribal Citizens.

5. Other

This funding will be used to increase our ability to help our onsite tutoring, which includes increasing our safely spaced workstations that include laptops, headphones, printer and staff to provide one on one support for our youth. We have noticed that the majority of our youth are not maintaining their grades or online work at home and this in person support has been very valuable and crucial for our youth. It also allows us to remain connected to the youth and the ability to continue the infusion of culture into our interactions and time together.

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

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